

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 13th 2021.

HAREC Examination

The following statement was issued by the IRTS Examination Board on Saturday June 12th. Having had further discussions with ComReg during the week and due to the changes that have taken place in public health guidelines, it has now become apparent that exams will take place as soon as possible after the 5th of July. All candidates will be contacted and given dates and venues of their exams.

IRTS 40 Metre News

Propagation conditions on Sunday mornings around 11 o'clock do not currently favour inter-EI communications and this is a problem for the IRTS news broadcast on 7.123MHz at 1100 local time. Joe Cosgrave EI5EG retired as the 40 metre news broadcaster some weeks ago and since then the role has been filled by Owen O'Reilly EI4GGB located in Mullingar. Owen will not be available every Sunday and volunteer news readers are required to join a rota to keep the service on the air. Anyone interested should contact Declan Horan EI9FVB by email at [horandx /at/ gmail.com](mailto:horandx@gmail.com) or by telephone on 086-3336386. Declan's phone number is also used to accept reports on both the 80 and 40 metre news broadcasts from shortwave listeners.

IRTS Committee Meeting June 19th

The next meeting of the IRTS committee will be held on the Zoom platform on Saturday next June 19th at 1100. Affiliated clubs and societies with at least five IRTS members amongst their membership are reminded that they may nominate one of their members to attend IRTS committee meetings. The name of the elected club representative should be advised to the IRTS secretary. Club representatives do not have a vote. Members should be aware that matters of concern to them can be raised with the committee by way of a letter to the Secretary and should be aware that posts on Facebook do not appear on meeting agendas.

Shortwave Listener Award – The Ian Morris Memorial Trophy

The South Dublin Radio Club, in honour of the late Ian Morris EI6U, donated this

perpetual trophy to the Irish Radio Transmitters Society. Ian was a member of the committee of the Society for many years and was a very proficient CW, Field Day and contest operator. The trophy is awarded at the IRTS Annual General Meeting to the shortwave listener with the highest number of DXCC entities heard in the previous calendar year. While confirmation of entities heard is not required, entrants will be expected to produce a number of QSL cards (not necessarily from the year in question) to demonstrate their commitment to Shortwave Listening.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group were active from the Old Copper Mine near Bunmahon, Co. Waterford over the weekend of the 5th & 6th June 2021. This location is normally used for the Geopark activation every year and while there was no official Geopark event this year, the club decided to put a station on the air so that members could have a well-deserved break and have some fun over the weekend after the club activities being so quite in the previous months. The crew arrived on Friday and set up the station. Over the weekend, stations from around Europe were logged on both SSB and CW. With the weather being so nice the group had lots of interest from people who were visiting the location. Some people even came back twice to see the station in operation. Visitors were amazed how the hobby works and could not believe that a small length of wire was able to transmit our voices to countries around Europe. Hopefully, the interest shown will lead to many more people taking up the hobby of amateur radio. EI2WRC would like to thank John Galloway, Manager of the Geopark Centre, Bunmahon for giving us access to the site. Thanks to all the club members who attended over the weekend and a special thanks to all those who cooked over the weekend or brought food to the event. Also, a massive thanks to Fehin, from Fairmak Design in Tramore for the amazing job on the graphics on the club caravan. Even though there was not much radio activity done over the weekend everyone there agreed that it was great to be able to see old friends again and have a chat and a catch up which everyone needed after the lockdowns over the past year or so. Many laughs were shared over the weekend and a great weekend was had by all who attended and the club cannot wait for their next activation. For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to [southeasternarg /at/ gmail.com](mailto:southeasternarg/at/gmail.com) or please feel free to go along to any of their meetings. You can check their website www.searg.ie and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

2022 Hamvention News

Anyone who attended the Dayton Hamvention will know that getting suitable hotel

rooms is never easy. Next year, contest-related activities that have previously taken place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel are moving to the Hope Hotel. Room reservations are now being taken by the Hope Hotel and you can get room reservations by phone only. If you try to book on-line you will see that there are no rooms for those dates. Every room in the Hope Hotel has been blocked booked for Contesters and DXers for Hamvention week. You can call the hotel on 937-879-2696 and ask for a reservation in the Contest University 2022 room block. There is no minimum night commitment. The room rate is 143 US Dollars per night plus tax and that includes a hot buffet breakfast each day of your stay.

5MHz Authorised in Kyrgyzstan

The Union of Radio Amateurs of Kyrgyz Republic (ARUKR) announced that on 4th June 2021, the Kyrgyzstan Telecommunications Regulator made the new WRC-15 amateur secondary allocation of 5351.5 to 5366.5 kHz available to Kyrgyz hams at a maximum power of 100 watts. Other secondary allocations made available at the same time were 472 to 479 kHz at 1 watt, 122.25 to 123 GHz and 134 to 141 GHz both at 100 watts. The Republic of Kyrgyzstan is a landlocked country of about six and a half million people in Central Asia. It achieved independence from the USSR on August 31st 1991. The National Society, ARUKR was founded on 25th October 2013 and is legally registered/recognized to represent the amateurs of Kyrgyzstan. As of October 2019, all 110 licensed amateurs in the country were members of ARUKR. On May 29th, 2021, the Union of Radio Amateurs of the Kyrgyz Republic was admitted to the International Amateur Radio Union.

On the Air next week

The All Asian DX Contest on CW starts at midnight UTC on Friday and runs for forty-eight hours until midnight on Sunday. The exchange for everyone on this event is RST plus your two digit age. The Six Metre International Radio Klub (SMIRK) hold their annual worldwide contest on the 6 metre band over 48 hours from midnight UTC on Friday using CW, Phone and digital modes. The exchange is grid square for non-SMIRK members. The Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest starts at 1200 UTC on Saturday next and runs for twenty-four hours. Ukraine stations will send RST plus two letter oblast and all others send RST and serial number. The International Amateur Radio Union Region One all mode 50 and 70 Megahertz contest is a twenty-four hour event starting at 1400 UTC on Saturday next. The exchange is signal report plus serial number and locator square. The Stew Perry Top Band Challenge starts at 1500 UTC on Saturday and runs for twenty-four hours. Maximum operating time allowed is fourteen hours and the exchange is your four character locator square. The

full rules for all contests mentioned are available on contestcalendar.com.

DX news Harald, DF2WO will be QRV as XT2AW from Burkina Faso beginning on June 13th for a three week operation. Activity will be on the HF bands using mostly CW, FT8 and on satellite and with SSB as conditions permit. QSL via M0OXO. A group of operators will be QRV as OJ0C on Market Reef until June 21st. Activity will focus on 6 meters using FT8. This may include activity on 10 meters and higher bands. QSL via OH3JR. Michel, F6GWV and Gildas, F6HMQ will be QRV as TO11A from Guadeloupe until July 5th. Activity will be holiday style with a focus on 6 meters. This includes being an entry in the IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest next weekend. QSL via F6HMQ. Jun is active as XV9RH from Hanoi and will remain in Vietnam until the 26th of June. In his spare time, he operates CW and FT8 on the 20 to 10m bands. QSL via OE1JUN.

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to [newsteam/at/irts.dot/ie](mailto:newsteam@at/irts.dot/ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday. Urgent items for the news may be telephoned to News Editor Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574.

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